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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **Hiroshi OHATA et al.**

Group Art Unit: **1762**

Application No.: **10/645,594**

Examiner: **Michael B. Cleveland**

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For: **METHOD OF FORMING PROTECTION FILM FOR
COVERING ELECTRONIC COMPONENT AND ELECTRONIC
DEVICE HAVING PROTECTION FILM**

Attorney Docket Number: **030984**

Customer Number: **38834**

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

September 22, 2005

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Official Action dated September 1, 2005

In the Action, restriction to one of the following inventions is required:

- (I) Claims 1-3 and 6/2, drawn to a method of applying films to a substrate using different distances between a mask and a substrate, classified in class 427, subclass 58.
- (II) Claims 4-5 and 6/4, drawn to a method of applying film s to a substrate using different distances between a vapor source and a substrate, classified in class 427, subclass 58.
- (III) Claims 7-10, drawn to an organic electroluminescent device, classified in class 313, subclass 498.

Applicants hereby elect the subject matter of Group I, Claims 1-3 and 6/2 drawn to a method of applying films to a substrate using different distances between a mask and a substrate, classified in class 427, subclass 58. This election is made without traverse, it being understood

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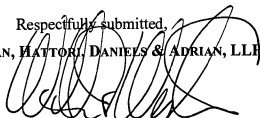
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that the Applicants' rights to the filing of a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter under 35 U.S.C. §120 and 35 U.S.C. §121 are retained.

If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. If any additional fees are due in connection with this paper, please charge our Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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